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Escapees nabbed

PRISON

Police probe jailbreak that left lone guard beaten

Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

The Edmonton Police Service is launching an internal review after two men escaped custody Sunday night and left a police commissioner badly beaten.

At about 11:55 p.m., one of the men in custody asked for some toilet paper. A commissioner working alone in the back of EPS southwest division station opened a cell door to provide it and one of the people in custody pushed him to the ground, then kicked and punched before finding his keys and letting another man out of an adjoining cell.

Both men fled the building as the commissioner lay in-

jured on the ground. Officers gave chase by ground and by air, and cordoned off the neighbourhood. The first detainee was found a few minutes later at a shopping centre nearby, while the second man was found about an hour later a few blocks away.

Deputy Chief Tony Harder said the "experienced" commissioner is recovering at home after being treated in hospital, and was following procedure in regards to the incident. The public was not in danger at any time, he added.

"Commissionaires are routinely in these cell areas by themselves," he said. "These things are not completely uncommon, but they're rare in the city. So we are going to be doing a ... full-on operational review."

Blair Letendre, 30, is facing numerous charges including escape lawful custody and assault peace officer causing bodily harm. Clayton Carter, 22, is charged with escape lawful custody.



FLIPPING IT

The street performers aren't the only ones entertaining in Edmonton, as Jacob Dutton, 21, does a kick-flip on his skateboard while Ross Hale, 21, rides beside, filming. "It's just for YouTube," Hale said. TIM QUERENGESSER/METRO

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MISCHIEF CHARGE

Balloon stunt was 'worth it' to daredevil entrepreneur

Perhaps the most incredible thing about Dan Boria, who parachuted from a lawn chair suspended by more than 100 helium balloons high above Calgary, is that he's never seen the Disney movie Up.

"Everyone keeps asking that," he said Monday, hours after a daring publicity stunt that landed him briefly behind bars. "But I personally haven't seen the movie."

Boria, 26, was arrested "without incident" after landing Sunday evening, according to Calgary police, who charged him with mischief.

Insp. Kyle Grant said he had never seen anything like this in his policing career, but described the stunt as "very irresponsible."

Boria admitted he was aiming to garner attention for his cleaning-product company by flying with a banner bearing its web address, AllCleanNatural.ca, and said he was hoping to land on the Calgary Stampede grounds but missed his intended target, touching down instead in a "jagged, rocky" field to the southeast.

Despite a foot injury and the arrest, Boria said it was all worth it.

"It was the most unreal experience, ever," he said. "Looking down from above the clouds at everything was incredible, sitting by myself in a lawn chair."

Grant said Boria will "most likely" face a fine, rather than jail time, but the financial penalty could be substantial.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO CALGARY



Dan Boria filled more than a dozen balloons with helium to fly into the air in Calgary on Sunday. CONTRIBUTED

When all is said and done, I think it would have been cheaper for him to rent a billboard.

Insp. Kyle Grant

AHS mental health strategy 'disjointed'

PRIMARY CARE

Health agency struggling to execute plan: Auditor general



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta's auditor general is detailing disturbing gaps within Alberta Health Services' treatment of the mentally ill and is calling on the health agency to live up to its own plans for improvement.

Auditor General Merwan Saher's latest report, released Monday, is a follow-up to a study completed in 2008 and details that the province has a concrete strategy to address mental health challenges for Albertans that, nonetheless, isn't being utilized.

"The department of health has failed to properly execute its addiction and mental health strategy. There is no need to redesign the strategy; rather the department needs to carry it out," wrote Saher.

The auditor found communication disconnects between mental-health service providers, with poor co-ordination between doc-

tor's offices, hospitals and clinics. He also found AHS has allocated inadequate resources to its strategy.

During a news conference Tuesday, Saher said AHS has made positive steps over the years but there has been no co-ordination to their plan.

"When we compare what we saw today with what we have seen in 2008 there has been a great deal of improvement, but nevertheless the efforts of AHS we characterize as being disjointed," he said.

Rachel, a young woman who suffers from anxiety and spoke with Metro on the condition her last name not be used, said Saher's findings duplicate her experience seeking help.

"The system has a long way to go before it functions as a cohesive whole. I'm lucky to have not fallen through the cracks; I stepped over quite a few," she said. Rachel added that it took a long time for her to find resources and supports.

Vicki Kaminski, CEO of AHS, conceded the health service agency has to improve but said progress has been made.

"The issues raised in the report are significant and important and we are treating them very seriously, but it's important to



Auditor General Merwan Saher CONTRIBUTED

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Kaminski said AHS plans to move increased mental health resources to communities and make sure all Albertans have access to the services.

"If we're going to improve the mental health of all Albertans we have to improve access to primary care."

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'Failure of procedure' muddies Fringe fest's inclusive message

CULTURE

Chairman wants error to lead to better event for all

Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

Marc Carnes, chairman of the board for Edmonton Fringe, was contrite Monday afternoon after the popular festival came under intense public fire for being non-inclusive.

Carnes described the rejection letter the festival sent to a disabled man, which has upset a large section of Edmonton and darkened the reputation of a festival otherwise known for its inclusion, as a "failure of procedure."

Last week, Fringe Theatre Adventures (FTA) rejected a volunteer application from Daniel Hughes, a non-verbal disabled man who has volunteered for many years with the Fringe, apparently because of his disability.

Despite having previously been a "FriendRaisers" festival greeter, a job Hughes said he enjoyed, the letter he received explained FriendRaisers now have to communicate more than in past years.

Officials with FTA added in the letter that they would only be engaging "those volunteers whose skill sets match those (demands) of the job."

Hughes posted the rejection letter on Facebook, and Edmonton residents quickly responded, demanding the Fringe change their ways.

Carnes said Monday there could have been more done to accommodate Hughes. "What we didn't do is we didn't have a conversation with Daniel and say, 'These are the concerns ... what can we do to find some-



Marc Carnes, chairman of the board for the Edmonton Fringe Festival, apologized Monday for a rejection letter to a disabled man. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

thing that fits?' That was the mistake," Carnes said.

Aside from this incident, in its 34 years of operation before this point the FTA has been known for its inclusivity.

"That's a core value for us," Carnes said. "We have a track record of inviting volunteers from all walks of life and abilities to participate."

Longtime volunteer Heidi Collins-McCann has been with the festival since its inception, and backs up Carnes' claim.

She has various physical dis-

abilities herself, but said she has always felt accommodated.

Moreover, her son Daniel Collins — who lives with severe autism — has been at her side for the past 24 years in the volunteer headquarters, helping out in an informal capacity.

"They've always been so good to him," she said.

Collins-McCann said that if she didn't know anything about the FTA before reading the letter sent to Hughes, she would be mad.

"But I know better," she said. "The reality is the Fringe is sup-

portive and they embrace with loving open arms all people with various disabilities."

“At the end of the day, we truly apologize. We sincerely want to make this right.” Marc Carnes

Collins-McCann said multiple venues have staff wait near theatre entrances to help guide children with disabilities and their guardians to a quiet room during panic attacks.

All of the venues have been

made wheelchair-accessible, and FTA recently introduced headsets for the hearing impaired.

Collins-McCann anticipates the festival will grow and "become even better" following the recent misstep.

Carnes echoed that sentiment. He said various groups around the city have offered to train staff

and volunteers to work better with people with disabilities.

"We want to engage some of those organizations and take our volunteer program to the next level to make sure this doesn't happen again," he said.

As for Hughes' application, Carnes has pledged to accommodate him.

"At the end of the day, we truly apologize. We sincerely want to make this right, provide a festival opportunity for Daniel, and work with everybody to put on a festival this city can be proud of."

DEVELOPMENT

Council endorses 'aspirational' vision for 104 Avenue



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

A plan to transform 104 Avenue from a car-clogged freeway on the edge of downtown to one with bike routes, large sidewalks and smaller retailers, as well as restaurants and residential spaces, was passed

without debate Monday in city council.

City councillors endorsed the 104 Avenue Corridor Plan, which was developed with input from the surrounding community, and which outlines how the area north and south of the six-lane road between downtown and 124 Street will change over time.

"It's a very high-level plan

and it's to convert that arterial road into something that is much more of an urban street scape," said Coun. Scott McKeen, adding the street won't change overnight, but this gets the planning on the right path.

After a lengthy public engagement process by the city, it emerged that many residents living near 104 Avenue feel it acts as a barrier for people liv-

ing in the community.

In their report, city planners said they hoped to change that. "The barrier effect of 104 Avenue will be reduced, helping to stitch together the neighbourhoods of Oliver, Queen Mary Park, and Westmount," reads their report.

McKeen said the plan is "aspirational" and the key to making it succeed will be to

get more Edmontonians taking transit and biking to work, and focusing on who lives in the neighbourhood rather than who drives through it.

"It's really changed the face of the avenue to being almost a thoroughfare for commuters and traffic to something that feels really different."

But while the corridor plan also envisions the Valley Line

LRT running down the centre of 104 Avenue, McKeen said that project will have to compete with all of the city's other transit priorities for extending the network.

"It will be in the hopper with extending LRT into Blatchford or out to Gorman," he said. "I'm not going to say now what is more important. I think we really have to thresh that out."

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Harsh words over Metro Line report

TRANSIT

'This is a case of a project going south,' councillor says



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

Coun. Michael Oshry was blunt on Monday — the Metro Line LRT is nothing short of a “s-t-show.” Oshry tweeted the comment from his personal account after media reports broke of a 2013 assessment of problems with the line's construction.

The report was not shared with council or the public when it was published, but details water pooling on LRT tracks, loose guard rails and essential connections clogged with debris.

The contractor that built the line, SNC-Lavalin, wouldn't comment on the problems detailed

in the leaked report, and instead referred all media questions to the City of Edmonton.

But Oshry said Monday the apparent lack of communication between city council and the city's administration is frustrating him as someone who's supposed to know what's happening.

“We really should be hearing these things first, when it's timely,” he said. “We make decisions based on the information that we get, and if not all of the information is out there it could lead us to making poor decisions and that's very frustrating.”

“This is a case of a project going south,” he added. “I'm really annoyed and frustrated. We're trying to hold administration accountable and it's just frustrating because I feel like there's not much I can do.”

In an email to Metro, city spokeswoman Lindsay Yarmon said that “regular inspections and any resulting deficiency reports” were part of the city's

process for building the Metro Line.

“It's normal for construction projects to have deficiencies. The city has known about these construction issues for some time and has been working to address them with the contractor,” she said.

Yarmon added the majority of the issues with the system have since been resolved and the few that remain are being fixed.

She also added none of these problems would affect the opening of the line.

There is still no opening date slotted for the 3.3-kilometre transit line that was supposed to open in April 2014.

Council is receiving a private update from administration on the Metro Line LRT prior to the release in August of its audit report on the project.

“This system is just not going well and the frustrating part is there seems like there's no end to the challenges we've discovered,” said Oshry.

BUSES

City not betting on fall NAIT service

The city is playing it safe and is working under the assumption the Metro Line will not be functional by the beginning of the upcoming school year for NAIT students.

Officials contacted by Metro on Monday said they are planning shuttle bus services to the school again this fall — just as the city did for last year when the project encountered its first delay.

According to bus operations divisional supervisor Linda Kadaratz, the shuttle service, put in

place last summer to ensure students could get from downtown to the NAIT campus despite the Metro Line's problems, will be in place yet again this August.

“It will be the same service we have in place as last year,” she said. “That's the plan right now, unless the Metro Line opens.”

The \$665-million, 3.3-kilometre Metro Line was first scheduled to open in April 2014, but has been beset by technical delays and other errors.

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Is the Metro Line open yet? “Nooooope,” reads one post by a new Twitter handle called YEGMetroLine.

“It can only get worse from here,” said Josh Stock, who created the Twitter account on June 28. “Any humour we can inject into the situation will hopefully make people laugh at a really, really bad situation.”

Stock said he was partly inspired by how Oilers fans talk about the team online. Are the Oilers winning yet? No. Is the Metro Line open yet? No. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

Three-legged warrior cat finds fairy-tale family

HUMANE SOCIETY

Kitten found injured on the side of a highway

Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

Henry the three-legged kitten cuddled into the arms of his new family Monday, a happy ending for a cat that wasn't expected to survive after being found injured on the side of a highway.

The grey kitten's tiny meow greeted reporters for the last time as he prepared to leave the Edmonton Humane Society with the Rempel family, who found him after he was hit by a car near Red Deer in May.

Henry's severely injured front leg was removed last week, but the tabby scampered across the floor with ease as he played with Tamara and Clint Rempel, and their children Erin and Samuel.

"The kids are absolutely in love," Tamara said. "We were really worried he wouldn't survive. But it turns out he's doing quite well."

The family said they plan to continue maintaining Henry's popular social media presence, and will offer regular updates on the "warrior cat."

The family already has two cats, and while Henry hasn't met his furry relatives yet, Clint said he expects the three "active" cats to get along well.



Henry the "warrior cat" was adopted by the Rempel family Monday. The family found the badly injured kitten on the side of a road near Red Deer in May. ANDREA ROSS/METRO

"There was never any intention to go over more than two cats, but with the kids begging and a cute little injured kitten, you can't help but say yes," he said.

The Rempel family thanked the humane society for their



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Tamara Rempel

efforts in healing Henry and fundraising the cost of the surgery to remove his leg, remarking on how the cat

doesn't seem to realize it's even missing.

Henry chewed the microphones on Clint's collar before playfully biting his fingers.

"He still has a full mouth of teeth," Erin said, laughing.

OILSANDS COMPANIES

Cleanup funds may be lacking

Alberta's auditor general says the province may not be requiring oilsands companies to save enough money to ensure their gigantic mines are cleaned up at the end of their life.

"If there isn't an adequate program in place to ensure that financial security is provided by mine operators ... mine sites may either not be reclaimed as intended or Albertans could be forced to pay the reclamation costs," says a report released Monday by Merwan Saher.

Saher says current rules could allow companies to overestimate the value of their resources. That allows them to delay increases to the amount of money they sock away to fund cleanup.

As well, Saher says the government hasn't met its own targets when it comes to ensuring each operator is assessed a large enough amount to pay for reclamation. Only about one-quarter of the audits promised in 2011 have been completed.

"The level of verification activity has been insufficient," says the report.

Alberta Environment Minister Shannon Phillips said the government agreed with Saher's concerns and accepts his recommendations.

The Mine Financial Security Program was instituted in 2011 and currently holds security deposits from eight oilsands mines and 19 coal mines. The fund holds \$1.6 billion to cover about \$21 billion in eventual liabilities.

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Toronto Mayor John Tory met Monday with representatives of the city's taxi industry and the ride-hailing service Uber to try to ease tensions. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

RIDE-SHARING

Toronto mayor vows one bylaw for Uber and city cabs

Tensions between Toronto taxi drivers and ride-hailing company Uber appeared somewhat soothed Monday after a meeting with the city's mayor, who promised to regulate both services under one bylaw.

Some frustrated cab drivers had threatened to protest during the Pan Am games, which begin in Toronto on Friday, but a Toronto Taxi Alliance spokesman said after the meeting with Mayor John Tory he is encouraging drivers not to disrupt the games.

"We will do our best on that part. However, we expect to be treated fairly," said Sam Moyni.

"The drivers are suffering, and they're suffering bad. It's an emotional thing for me. It's an emotional thing for all the drivers."

Ian Black, general manager of Uber Toronto, said the meeting was "productive" and that Uber will operate throughout the Pan Am games, despite calls from the taxi industry to shut down the app.

"We will continue to serve the city of Toronto," Black said. "The faster this process can go forward, the better. There's UberX drivers, there's passengers, there's taxi drivers all in the city who are looking for the solution,

but they're complicated matters and we'll work through them."

Toronto city council will work to come up with a bylaw in the fall, Tory said.

"What we have today is not a level playing field. We have a situation where one segment of the industry is highly regulated, competing against another that is not," Tory said after the meeting.

"We cannot have a wild west, but we also cannot have a city that ignores the march of time. Technologies like Uber are here to stay but they have to be regulated."

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'Sexsomnia' trial going ahead

CRIME

Man who admits to rape gets another chance in court

A man who admitted to raping a sleeping woman years after being convicted of sexually assaulting her won a new trial Monday after arguing he was also asleep at the time of the attack.

However, in granting Ryan Hartman another hearing, Ontario's top court ruled the only issue to be decided will be whether he was suffering from a mental disorder at the time that made him not criminally responsible for the assault.

Hartman was convicted in May 2012 and sentenced to 14 months imprisonment for sexually assaulting the woman at a party in Brockville, Ont. He denied the assault had occurred but Divisional Court upheld the

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- Dr. Julian Gojer, a forensic psychiatrist, testified for the defence that some people are capable of complex activity while asleep but have no ability to control that activity. Hartman, he said, was "probably" asleep when he assaulted the woman.
- The Crown's doctor argued in rebuttal that Hartman was awake at the time, but drunk.

conviction in December 2012.

In turning to the Court of Appeal, Hartman dropped his denial. Instead, he sought to introduce expert evidence to show he was suffering from sexsomnia and was unaware of his actions.

"New defences advanced years after the relevant events, only when other defences have been tried and failed and the convicted

offender stands at the prison gate, must be viewed with considerable judicial suspicion," the Appeal Court said in its decision.

"However, there will be cases in which the interests of justice require that an appellant be allowed to present a new defence on appeal."

This was a rare occasion in which another hearing was warranted, the court said.

At trial, the complainant said she was sleeping on an air mattress in the kitchen with her boyfriend when she awoke in pain from someone penetrating her. She got up and turned on the light, and recognized Hartman.

"I'm sorry man, I just woke up making out with your girlfriend," Hartman told the boyfriend of the distraught woman, court records say.

The victim told police that Hartman was "just pretending" to be sleeping and "pretending to snore and breathe heavily" when she woke up.

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REPORT

Oilsands cleanup may lack funds: AG

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Environment Minister Shannon Phillips said the government accepts Saher's recommendations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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STUDIES

Insects may have emotions

If you knew that pesky fly buzzing around your kitchen had feelings, would you still swat it?

According to a post on Brain-Blogger.com, a number of recent studies show insects experience something akin to emotion, and may even possess empathy for their fellow bugs.

In one experiment, a colony of bees was subjected to a simulated badger attack (no, really) and then presented with two chemical scents: one designed to simulate food and attract the bees and another that typically repels them.

"Bees that had been shaken became pessimistic, glass-half-empty characters that were more likely to react to the nasty smell in the mixtures and recoil as opposed to being attracted to the yummy smell ... Unshaken bees on the other hand remained their more optimistic, glass-half-full selves," wrote Dr. Carla Clark.

In another study, researchers found calm woodlice influenced the behaviour of their neighbours, causing other woodlice to become relaxed. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

Feds soften up on bribery

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Ottawa makes changes to procurement rules, penalties

Ottawa has softened its anti-corruption rules, reducing the penalties for companies that are seeking government work after being convicted of bribery, money laundering and other offences.

Under the new procurement rules announced Friday, companies can still be barred from government contracts for 10 years if they have been convicted of such offences in the past three years.

But that ban can be cut in half if the company co-operates with authorities and takes remedial action.

Also, suppliers will no longer be automatically ineligible for government work because of the conduct of affiliates unless

it can be demonstrated that the supplier had control over the convicted affiliate.

Canada's business lobby has been urging Ottawa to make changes to procurement rules it labelled as "draconian."

Public Works Canada says the new rules are fair, ensure due process and better align with international best practices.

SNC-Lavalin chief executive Robert Card has warned of the negative consequences for his company if the federal protocols used in awarding contracts weren't changed in light of the company's legal troubles. The company has been beefing up its compliance rules since improprieties surfaced three years ago.

The RCMP charged SNC-Lavalin and two of its subsidiaries with one count of fraud and one of corruption last February over its dealings in Libya.

The Montreal-based company has said it will plead not guilty to the charges but is willing to pay a fine for the alleged trans-

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Companies can still be barred from government contracts for 10 years if they have been convicted of bribery, money laundering or other offences in the past three years.

gressions of former employees. The case will be back in court in October.

While the legal case remains outstanding, SNC-Lavalin has been part of various consortia that have won or been selected as preferred bidders for several federal contracts.

Analyst Maxim Sytchev of Dundee Capital Markets says SNC-Lavalin isn't "entirely out of the legal woods," but the shorter debarment times and reinstatement opportunities is positive for the company.

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B.C. FIERCE FIRES Smoke from wildfires in the interior of British Columbia blanket downtown Vancouver on Sunday. Air quality advisories have been issued across southern Vancouver Island, the mainland coast, Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. People with heart or lung problems or medical conditions such as diabetes, as well as the elderly and the very young, are urged to remain indoors and limit strenuous activity. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lac-Mégantic marks sombre anniversary of rail disaster

QUEBEC

Residents gathered to pay tribute to town's victims

Church bells rang 47 times in Lac-Mégantic on Monday as locals gathered to honour the victims of a rail disaster two years ago that forever changed the Quebec town.

Forty-seven people were killed and a large swath of downtown was destroyed on July 6, 2013, when an unmanned 72-car train jumped the track, spilling and igniting some six million litres of volatile crude oil.

At noon, people gathered outside Lac-Mégantic's St-Agnes Church for a moment of silence and a ringing of the bells. Ongoing decontamination work was also halted briefly to mark the tragedy.

A low-key mass was held

Sunday night.

Politicians of all stripes marked the anniversary, vowing to continue to support the community.

Premier Philippe Couillard hailed the resolve of locals and said in a statement the province would keep helping the town of 6,000.

"Our thoughts are with the families and relatives of the victims and to all citizens of Lac-Mégantic," Couillard said. "The Meganticois are a good example of solidarity and resilience for all of Quebec."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper also praised residents as the town rebuilds and heals.

"It takes people of extraordinary strength to overcome such a disaster, and I was privileged to witness first-hand during my visits to Lac-Mégantic the remarkable resilience, pride and spirit of those in the community," Harper said.

He added that those found guilty of breaking the law will



Smoke rises from railway cars that were carrying crude oil after derailling in downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., on July 6, 2013. A church bell rang 47 times in Lac-Mégantic Monday in honour of the victims. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

be held to account.

In late June, several people and the defunct rail company at the heart of the disaster were hit with new federal charges.

Among the accused were Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway, the insolvent company's former president, and train driver Thomas Harding.

All those charged will appear in court in Lac-Mégantic on Nov. 12.

Previously, Harding, two fellow railway employees and

the company were charged by the Crown in Quebec with 47 counts of criminal negligence causing death. A trial date is expected to be set Sept. 8.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau also marked the anniversary and both said not enough has been done.

"Every possible precaution must be taken to ensure such an incident is never repeated," Trudeau said. "Unfortunately, two years have passed and too little has been done by this government to bring about the necessary changes."

Mulcair said the NDP called in January for an independent investigation into transportation of dangerous goods by rail. He said he'd grant a costly solution being sought by the city.

Transport Minister Lisa Raitt defended the government's actions, including stricter rules and lower speed limits for trains carrying dangerous cargo through urban areas.

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SUPREME COURT

Feds drop appeal on CSIS spying

The federal government has abandoned its high-profile appeal to the Supreme Court on overseas spying by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

The court agreed last February to take the case after federal lawyers argued for guidance on whether CSIS needed a warrant to seek allied help in spying on Canadians abroad.

They said the spy service was left in the dark as to when a judge's approval was required to monitor suspected Canadian extremists in other countries.

But in a recent letter to the Supreme Court, federal lawyer Robert Frater noted Parliament had since enacted changes to the judicial warrant scheme governing CSIS.

"Given the significance of the legislative changes, and CSIS's pressing need to seek warrants under the new regime in fulfilling its statutory mandate, our priority will be to focus on the new system now in place," Frater said in the June 19 letter.

"Accordingly, we now feel it is less important at this time to obtain guidance from this

Court on the issue raised in this appeal."

Parliament recently passed Bill C-44, which explicitly allows CSIS to seek a warrant to investigate a security threat beyond Canada's borders. It also approved the controversial C-51 which, among other things, permits the spy service to ask a judge for permission to violate the Charter of Rights.

The government said the two pieces of legislation were needed to fight terrorist threats.

Still, it pushed ahead with the Supreme Court proceeding, saying in a filing with the court that even if C-44 were to become law, important issues would remain unresolved.

In a key 2013 ruling, Federal Court Justice Richard Mosley chastised CSIS over a request for warrants to track two Canadians with help from the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's electronic spy agency.

The civil liberties association, environmentalists and human-rights advocates argued against the new spy provisions.

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IN BRIEF

Graduate asks Dalhousie to clear his name

A graduate of Dalhousie University's dentistry school who says he helped blow the whistle on a misogynistic Facebook page wants the school to clear his record as he tries to get a licence to practise.

Ryan Millet has asked Dalhousie president Richard Florizone to expunge his suspension and a disciplinary finding of misconduct after a report was released last week by a task force that looked at the school's handling of comments posted on Facebook by male dentistry students.

The request is made in a letter from Millet's lawyer, Bruce MacIntosh, who made it public along with a reply from a lawyer for the university. In the reply, a lawyer for the university writes that Florizone cannot "rewrite history and pretend" that Millet wasn't involved in a Facebook group at the centre of the scandal or that he wasn't suspended.

The emailed reply goes on to say that Millet's record reflects that he was found to have engaged in unprofessional conduct and was required to undergo remediation. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The faithful, left, and nuns, right, wait for the arrival of Pope Francis in Quito on July 6. Pope Francis landed in Ecuador on Sunday to kick off his first South American trip in two years that will also take him to Bolivia and Paraguay. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horde gathers for the Pope's Mass in Ecuador

GUAYAQUIL

Francis praises families as the bedrock of human society

Hundreds of thousands of people filled a park in Ecuador's main port city Monday for Pope Francis' first big event of his three-nation South American tour, hoping for a glimpse of Latin America's first pope returning to his home soil for a Mass dedicated to the family.

Many pilgrims spent the night

outdoors, and some walked for miles to reach the park on Guayaquil's northern outskirts where the crowd sang hymns and sought pockets of shade to keep cool amid the scorching sun and high humidity. Firefighters sprayed them with water hoses to provide relief.

"I'm tired. I'm hungry, I haven't slept but I'm also full of emotion and joy in my heart," said Vicente Huilcatoma, a 47-year-old retired police officer who walked 40 kilometres to reach Samanes Park.

The Vatican had originally estimated more than 1 million people would turn out for the

Mass, and government organizers put the crowd at above 1 million people in the hour before the service began. But Gabriel Almeida, the government spokesman at the scene, rolled back the estimate to several hundred thousand after officials viewed aerial images of the area.

In his homily, Francis praised families as the bedrock of society — "the nearest hospital, the first school for the young, the best home for the elderly" — and said miracles are performed every day inside a family out of love. But he said sometimes the love and happiness runs out.

"How many women, sad and

"I haven't slept but I'm also full of emotion and joy in my heart."

Vicente Huilcatoma

lonely, wonder when love left, when it slipped away from their lives?" he asked. "How many elderly people feel left out of family celebrations, cast aside and longing each day for a little love?"

A preliminary meeting of bishops on family issues ended last

year in bitter divisions between liberals and conservatives, particularly over ministering to gays and to Catholics who divorce and remarry outside of the church. Church teaching holds that Catholics who enter into a second marriage without having the first one annulled cannot receive Communion.

In his homily Monday, Francis said he hoped the second meeting of bishops on family life, scheduled for October, would come up with "concrete solutions to the many difficult and significant challenges facing families in our time."

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JOSEPH KONY

African warlord is ill, say ex-rebels

The fugitive leader of the Lord's Resistance Army is sickly and in retreat from an international manhunt that includes U.S. forces, a Ugandan military spokesman said Monday, citing the accounts of recent defectors who are backing up reports that the rebel group is in decline.

Joseph Kony is possibly suffering from diabetes, according to defectors who surrendered to Ugandan troops last month in Central African Republic, said Lt. Col. Paddy Ankunda. That account is probably true, he said, because Ugandan intelligence over the years "also indicates that Kony has diabetes."

Kasper Agger, a researcher with the watchdog group Enough Project, said he receives many reports of Kony's failing health but it is impossible to verify them. The reports from defectors suggest that the apparently ill Kony "doesn't have the same willingness to fight," he said.

Although many of the defectors said Kony is suffering from diabetes, some also suggested the elusive warlord has AIDS, he said.

Kony is believed to be hiding in Kafia Kingi, a Sudanese-controlled enclave on the border of Central African Republic and South Sudan. Watchdog groups have described Kafia Kingi as a safe haven for Kony because African troops hunting for him do not have access to the territory.

The Lord's Resistance Army, which originated in Uganda in the 1980s as a tribal uprising against the government, became notorious for kidnapping children as fighters and forcing girls to be sex slaves. Kony became infamous across the world in 2012 when the advocacy group Invisible Children released an online video. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Row rages on over Trump's remarks

MISS UNIVERSE

Beauty queen refuses to step down after criticism

The reigning Miss Universe has refused to relinquish her crown despite a tide of condemnation following pageant owner Donald Trump's remarks on Mexican immigrants.

Paulina Vega on Monday said she would continue doing the organization's social work and dismissed Trump's accusation that she is a hypocrite for condemning his recent comments but declining to step down as Miss Universe.

"The fact that I am not giving up my crown doesn't mean that I am changing my stance about everything I said," the Colombian beauty said in her native country during an interview with radio station La W.

"It doesn't make any sense that Donald Trump calls me a hypocrite because I'm not giving up my crown."

In his June presidential campaign announcement, Trump said that some Mexican immigrants to the U.S. bring drugs and crime, and some are rapists.

On Sunday, a few days after Vega called his remarks "unjust and hurtful," Trump tweeted: "Miss Universe, Paulina Vega, criticized me for telling the truth about illegal immigration, but then said she would keep the crown — Hypocrite."

"As a Colombian and as Miss

Universe pageant last January in Miami.

Pressure on her to quit has increased over the past several days, with Colombia retiring its bid to host the event and Mexico announcing that it won't be sending any candidate to the competition.

Univision also cut its ties with Trump and all of his enterprises, and Colombian superstar Shakira, in reference to the tycoon's comments, tweeted that "no one living in this century should stand behind so much ignorance."

Vega, born in Barranquilla, stressed to the radio station that the Miss Universe pageant existed long before Trump acquired it and that "it will continue to exist if he stops being its owner some-

As a Colombian and as Miss Universe, I want to show my support and validate the sentiments of the Latin community.

Miss Universe Paulina Vega

Universe, I want to show my support and validate the sentiments of the Latin community," Vega had said on her Instagram account last week.

Vega, 22, won the 2014 Miss

day."
"I have kept doing my job as Miss Universe all these days. The work continues as always despite all this craziness going on," she said.

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Family of shooter held at a distance

COLORADO

James Holmes' parents sit behind him in court every day

Colorado theatre shooter James Holmes' parents show up in court every day. But more than two months into his trial, their son has yet to turn around and acknowledge them.

Prosecutors say Holmes held his parents at a distance to conceal his plans for the July 2012 attack that killed 12 and injured 70. Defence attorneys say the fraying family ties show a delusional young man who couldn't bear revealing his struggle.

Holmes' parents have made few public statements since the attack. But Arlene Holmes says in a book she prays for the victims and feels self-guilt.

She and her husband may be called to testify at sentencing if the jury convicts their son, who they say has mental illness.

Just before the trial, Holmes' parents begged for a plea deal that would spare his life.

"We have always loved him, and we do not want him to be executed," they said in a statement in December.

Now, the couple sits two rows behind him in the courtroom. The relationship Arlene and Robert Holmes had with their son had been strained since he was a boy. Holmes has told a psychiatrist that he doesn't like to talk with people, even his mother and father.

Holmes' attorneys have referenced a family history of disorders, including an aunt with schizophrenia and a grandfather who was institutionalized. Holmes' parents and younger sister joined him in family therapy when he was in eighth grade.



James Holmes, who is charged with killing 12 moviegoers and wounding 70 more in a shooting spree in a crowded theatre in 2012, sits in Arapahoe County District Court in Centennial, Colo. in this July 2012 file photo. RJ SANGOSTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Holmes abruptly dropped out of school not long before the attack, and his mother got a call from his therapist. Dr. Lynne Fenton asked if it was unusual for their son to seem so emotionless and withdrawn. Arlene Holmes responded that her son had always been socially awkward.

"She was always worried about him and wanted to help him, but she wasn't sure how to do that," Fenton testified.

His parents offered to let him move home. By then, Holmes had already assembled an arsenal of weapons and had researched movie showings and

picked the auditorium where he could kill the most people.

Holmes has said he didn't care if he got the death penalty but would fight it for his parents: "They would miss me," he said.

Holmes said his parents regularly send him letters in jail.

"I tell Jim I love him and pray he feels loved," Arlene wrote. "I hope his brain is not too disordered to remember what love feels like."

Holmes' mother also wrote of praying for the victims each night: "I can never forgive myself for not knowing that this would happen," she wrote.

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BALTIMORE

Mother leaves infant in street

A Maryland mother is being held on \$500,000 bail after police say she left her 6-week-old daughter on the side of a road Saturday.

Anne Arundel County police charged 26-year-old Sandra Clara McClary of Baltimore with child neglect and reckless endangerment on Sunday. Lt. T.J. Smith says that McClary left the baby on the roadside and that the incident might be related to a domestic dispute.

Police say a resident of Pasadena found the infant in a scuffed carrier before midnight

Saturday and called police. The baby is in good condition and in Department of Child Protective Services' custody.

Police say McClary called police Sunday morning claiming to be the baby's mother.

McClary is scheduled to go to trial this week in a string of robberies.

In a 911 call that police released Monday, the dispatcher sounds incredulous when the caller reports that a baby in a stroller is in the road near her house. A baby can be heard crying during some of the call:

Caller: I have a problem here. I live at ... And it's a baby in our street, and no one's around and baby's just steady crying.

Dispatcher: About how old?

Caller: About two months old.

Dispatcher: And there's no one around?

Caller: No one at all. She's in a stroller, we don't want anyone run over her, out in the street.

Dispatcher: It's in the road?

Caller: In the road.

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Greece's future unclear after referendum 'No' win

DEBT CRISIS

Finance minister resigns to ease negotiations

Despite triumphing in a popular vote against austerity, Greece on Monday faced the urgent need to heal its ties with European creditors and reach a financial rescue deal that might prevent it from falling out of the euro — possibly within days.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras won big in Sunday's referendum, in which 60 per cent of Greeks rejected the economic measures creditors had proposed in exchange for loans the country needs to remain afloat. He also received the rare backing of opposition parties to restart bailout negotiations.

But his bolstered mandate to push for better concessions from creditors hit the hard reality of the country's deteriorating finances, with the banks facing the risk of collapse within days unless a rescue deal is reached.

In a sign that he hopes to reach a deal as soon as possible, Tsipras appointed a new mild-mannered finance minister to lead talks with bailout creditors and replace Yanis Varoufakis, the hard-talking professor who clashed regularly with his European counterparts.

Euclid Tsakalotos, a 55-year-old economist, appears more willing to reach a compromise with creditors and will be tested as soon as Tuesday, when he will meet the other 18 eurozone finance ministers

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After yesterday's celebrations in the streets there's a danger of a rude awakening soon.

Germany's Vice Chancellor, Sigmar Gabriel

in Brussels.

That meeting is meant to seek the basis for a deal that European leaders, including Tsipras, might discuss at an emergency summit later in the day. Ahead of the summit, Tsipras spoke by phone with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Greece's financial situation is getting more difficult by the day. It had to close the banks last week to prevent their collapse in the face of a run, and imposed limits on cash withdrawals and transfers.

Greek banks remained closed Monday, with only a few branches opening for pensioners to receive emergency assistance. Louka Katseli, head of the Greek Bank Association, said she expected banks to remain closed for at least two more days.

The government is expected to extend the restrictions on withdrawals after the European Central Bank makes a decision later Monday on cash support for Greek banks.

The ECB has frozen the amount of credit it allows Greek banks to draw on, even though their cash requirements are growing as people rush to withdraw what money they can.

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Outgoing Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis is surrounded by media Monday, as he tries to leave on his motorcycle, following his resignation in Athens.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Senators debate rebel flag

South Carolina lawmakers on Monday began debating whether to bring the Confederate flag down outside the Capitol, starting with a pair of senators whose families arrived in the state before the Civil War.

Both men — one white, one black — have come to the same conclusion: The rebel flag no longer represents the valour of Southern soldiers but the racism that led them to separate from the United States more than 150 years ago.

Republican Sen. Larry Martin, who is white, had fought off attempts to move the flag for decades. But he changed his mind after nine people were shot to death during Bible study at a historic African-American church in Charleston by a man police say was motivated by racial hatred.

Sen. Darrell Jackson, a black Democrat, helped write the compromise that brought the Confederate flag off the Statehouse dome in 2000 and put it in its current location on a pole on the capitol's front lawn. South Carolina had been the last state to fly a Confederate flag on its Capitol dome.

Jackson said he regretted not going farther to get rid of the flag completely 15 years ago.

The only flag supporter to speak was Sen. Lee Bright, who briefly introduced an amendment to put the fate of the flag to a popular vote.

The Senate expected to continue the debate Monday afternoon.

Outside the Statehouse, dozens of protesters began to arrive. Some called for the flag to come down. Others said the state was giving in to Northern liberals and civil rights activists.

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IN BRIEF

Boy dies after punishment for eating cake: Police

Police say a nine-year-old boy has died after he was allegedly handcuffed and beaten for eating a piece of birthday cake without permission.

The mother's boyfriend, 30-year-old Robert Wilson, was charged Wednesday with first-degree assault and child abuse.

It's not clear whose cake it was. The boy had had a birthday three days earlier.

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Sex on public beach nets prison sentence for man

A man convicted of having sex on a Florida beach in front of families was sentenced to 2-1/2 years in prison on Monday.

Jose Caballero, 40, and Elissa Alvarez, 21, were convicted in May of two counts of lewd and lascivious behaviour. They were videotaped having sex on a Manatee County beach last summer in broad daylight. Witnesses testified that a 3-year-old girl saw them.

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IRAQ

Homes bombed, malfunction blamed

An Iraqi fighter jet accidentally dropped a bomb over a Baghdad neighbourhood on Monday, killing at least 12 people on the ground, Iraqi officials said.

The plane — one of several Russian-made Sukhoi used by Iraq in the fight against the Islamic State group — was returning to base when the accident happened.

Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim told The Associated Press that a technical failure caused the Sukhoi jet to drop the bomb, which hit a number of houses in the Iraqi

capital's eastern neighbourhood of New Baghdad.

Three children and two women were among the 12 killed, a police officer at the scene and a medical official at a nearby hospital said. At least 25 people were wounded, the two officials added.

AP footage showed rescue teams in orange jumpsuits and blue helmets searching through the rubble for victims. At least one victim was seen wrapped with a blanket and being rushed to an ambulance.

Iraq is going through its worst

crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Islamic State group controls large swaths of the country's north and west following a blitz last year when the militants captured Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul and the majority of the western Anbar province.

Also Monday, separate attacks in and around Baghdad killed at least seven people.

The deadliest took place in Baghdad's southern suburb of Arab Jabour when a booby-trapped house exploded, killing three members of security

forces and wounding nine, a police officer said.

In another attack, two soldiers were killed and five hurt when mortar rounds hit their base in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, the officer said. And two civilians were killed and six wounded in a bomb explosion at an outdoor market in the western Ghazaliyah neighbourhood.

Medical officials confirmed casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

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Cosby admitted giving drugs

COURTS

2005 testimony reveals comic offered woman, others sedative

Bill Cosby admitted in 2005 that he got Quaaludes with the intent of giving them to young women he wanted to have sex with, and that he gave the sedative to at least one woman and "other people," according to documents obtained Monday.

That woman and a second woman testified in the same case that they knowingly took Quaaludes from him, according to the unsealed documents.



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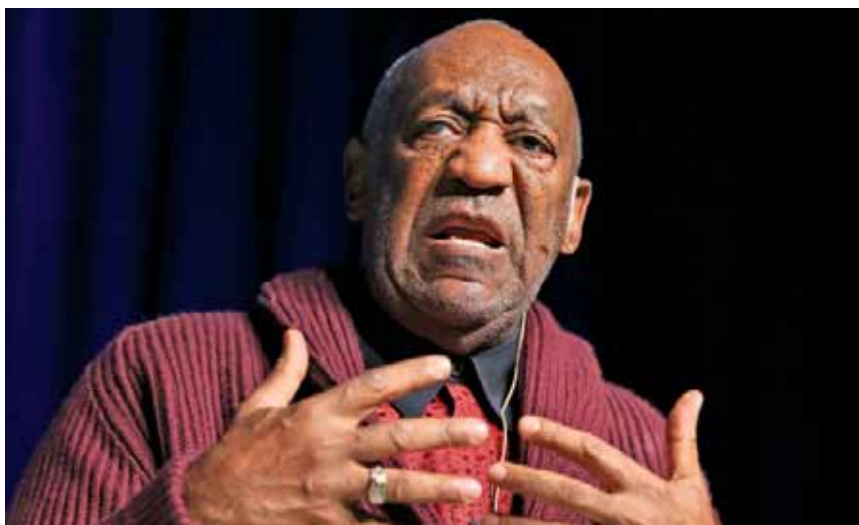
Judge Eduardo Robreno, on Cosby's efforts to block release of his testimony

The Associated Press had gone to court to compel the release of the documents from the deposition in a sexual-abuse lawsuit filed by former Temple University employee Andrea Constand — the first of a cascade of sexual-abuse lawsuits against him. Cosby's lawyers had objected on the grounds that it would embarrass their client.

Cosby settled that lawsuit under confidential terms in 2006. His lawyers in the Philadelphia case did not immediately return phone calls Monday. Constand consented to be identified but did not want to comment, her lawyer said Monday.

Cosby, 77, has been accused by more than two dozen women of sexual misconduct, including allegations by many that he drugged and raped them in incidents dating back more than four decades. Cosby has never been criminally charged, and most of the accusations are barred by statutes of limitations.

Cosby, giving sworn testimony in the lawsuit accusing him of sexual assaulting Constand at his home in Pennsylvania in 2005, said he got seven Quaalude prescriptions in the



Bill Cosby performs at the Stand Up for Heroes event at New York's Madison Square Garden in November 2013. JOHN MINCHILLO/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

1970s. The lawyer for Constand asked if he had kept the sedatives through the 1990s — after they were banned — but was frustrated by objections from Cosby's lawyer.

"When you got the Quaaludes, was it in your mind that

you were going to use these Quaaludes for young women that you wanted to have sex with?" lawyer Dolores M. Troiani asked.

"Yes," Cosby answered on Sept. 29, 2005.

"Did you ever give any of

these young women the Quaaludes without their knowledge?"

Cosby's lawyer again objected, leading Troiani to petition the federal judge to force Cosby to co-operate.

Cosby later said he gave Constand three half-pills of Bena-

dryl, although Troiani in the documents voices doubt that was the drug involved. The two other women who testified on Constand's behalf said they had knowingly been given Quaaludes.

Three of the women accusing Cosby of sexually assaulting them have a defamation lawsuit pending against him in Massachusetts. They allege that he defamed them when his agents said their accusations were untrue. Cosby is trying to get their case thrown out before discovery.

Cosby had fought The Associated Press' efforts to unseal the testimony, with his lawyer arguing the deposition could reveal details of Cosby's marriage, sex life and prescription drug use.

"Frankly ... it would embarrass him, (and) it would also prejudice him in eyes of the jury pool in Massachusetts," argued lawyer George M. Gowen III in June.

He said the public should not have access to what Cosby was forced to say as he answered questions under oath from the accuser's lawyer nearly a decade ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COMEDY

New late-night watchdogs to oversee presidential election

A U.S. presidential campaign is beginning without late-night television hosts who helped us laugh through past ones, both a cultural loss and an opportunity for new voices.

David Letterman is gone, taking his unmatched ability to have serious yet humorous conversations with public figures. Jay Leno's rat-a-tat pace of one-liners is history. Jon Stewart exits next month, along with a research team that allowed him to bust politicians for hypocrisy.

Stephen Colbert, Seth Meyers, Larry Wilmore and Kate McKinnon are the most likely comic stars to emerge for Decision 2016.

"As much as it's sad to see Jon leave and have Letterman and Leno gone, it's not like the new class coming in will be doing plate spinners," said Rory Albanese, executive producer of The Nightly Show with Wilmore.

Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel host the two most popular programs on late-night TV now. While their shows don't ignore public affairs, that's not in either host's wheelhouse.

"I don't think there's a particular comfort factor there," said Bill Carter, author of books on late-night television.

That leaves a path for Letter-



Seth Meyers, pictured, Stephen Colbert, Larry Wilmore and Kate McKinnon are the most likely comic stars to emerge for Decision 2016. RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

man's replacement, Colbert. His skill was evident on The Colbert Report and his interest obvious in how he couldn't resist putting out a video about Donald Trump's campaign announcement.

"So much of this is about whether the host is passionate about it, if they really want to do it," Albanese said. "Because if it's not coming from their gut ... it can feel kind of empty."

Meyers has emphasized politics on Late Night since Vice President Joe Biden showed up for the debut.

Stewart's replacement, Trevor Noah, is expected to keep the DNA of The Daily Show. But as a South African not steeped in American politics, the perspective is sure to be different.

Saturday Night Live has a winner with McKinnon, whose portrayal of a cravenly ambitious Hillary Clinton holds great promise for the next year.

Wilmore has increased his topical content following the January debut of The Nightly Show. He is encouraging candidates to join him for interviews over soul food. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Starbucks says it's hiking prices again beginning today with the increases ranging from 10 to 20 cents for affected brewed coffees and lattes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

COFFEE

Starbucks hikes drink prices

Starbucks Canada will raise prices on some of its beverage sizes by 10 to 20 cents starting today.

The coffee chain says the adjustments will only apply to 10 per cent of its drinks — and won't impact some of its most popular items.

Company spokeswoman Carly Suppa says the price hikes will vary by province.

She says a brewed coffee in a Venti cup — the largest size at Canadian stores — will increase by 10 cents in some provinces.

Lattes in a grande or venti cup will go up by 20 cents, depending on the province.

Suppa says prices for these particular drinks haven't increased in a year-and-a-half to three years.

In the United States, Starbucks also announced separate

price changes to some of its drinks.

The company says small and large coffees will each go up by 10 cents U.S. in most areas of the country.

The decision comes even as some other U.S. coffee sellers cut their prices because of declines in future prices for unroasted coffee beans. THE CANADIAN PRESS,

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Crisis won't slow Greek imports

CANADIAN ECONOMY

Suppliers have stockpiles of the country's goods stored

Major Canadian importers of olive oil, sea salt, preserved vegetables and other delicacies from Greece say they've been stockpiling goods in their warehouses in anticipation that the economic turmoil overseas will get worse.

The Canadian companies say the economic crisis in Greece won't keep products off store shelves here for a while, but recent events make their preparations seem wise.

A referendum held on Sunday saw Greek citizens reject the idea of adopting more austerity measures in exchange for financial aid from the European Union. The debt-ridden country has closed its banks for six working days and imposed strict limits on cash withdrawals.

Greece's precarious financial situation may force it to abandon the euro and begin issuing its own currency.

Canadian businesses are keeping a close eye on the economic situation, but don't immediately seem to feel their bottom lines will require much extra scrutiny.

"Business as usual for us," said Miltiadis Antypas, President of Pilaros International Trading Inc. "The companies we're dealing with, most of them are multinational. They don't pay us, we pay them, so the situation is not changing for us."

The food products that companies such as Pilaros import to Canadian shores represent a significant piece of the Greek-Canadian trading relationship. According to 2014 figures posted on the country's Greek embassy website, Canada imported nearly \$57 million in food products from Greece, more than double the second-largest import of base metal products.

In order to meet the demand, Antypas said his company's ware-

houses are currently filled with at least a five-month supply of goods such as olives and olive oil, sea salt and other products with a long shelf life.

Alex Alexakis, vice-president of Canadian operations at Krinos Foods, said his firm too has been stockpiling supplies.

"We're OK for a couple of months at least," Alexakis said.

Besieged by a prolonged recession, high unemployment and banks dangerously low on capital, Greece defaulted on repaying a loan to the International Monetary Fund last week, becoming the first developed state to do so.

Now some analysts wonder if Greece is so starved of cash that it could be forced to start issuing its own currency and become the first country to leave the 19-member eurozone.

Greece and its creditors, who will meet again today to discuss how to keep the country in the euro, remain far apart on key issues, particularly the notion of debt relief. THE CANADIAN PRESS,

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BANK OF CANADA OUTLOOK

Business split on report

There is a divide in business confidence across the country as low oil prices weigh on the outlook for some regions more than others, according to the latest Bank of Canada report.

The summer edition of the central bank's business outlook survey suggests businesses on the Prairies expect sales to slow over the next 12 months as the oil price shock spreads across

other sectors. However, the Bank of Canada says the story isn't the same across the country.

"On the other hand, domestic demand is strengthening in regions that are less exposed to the energy sector," the report said.

Overall, the survey said more firms reported sales growth accelerated over the last 12 months than those that saw growth slow.

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'Prime Day' discounts mark 20th anniversary

Amazon is trying to lure more subscribers to its \$99 Prime loyalty program by pushing a day of discounts it calls "Prime Day" during the sleeper summer shopping season.

The e-commerce retailer plans to offer thousands of deals

on July 15 in the nine countries that have the Prime loyalty program, including the U.S., U.K., Spain, Japan, Italy, Germany, France, Canada and Austria.

The Seattle company says the promotion is pegged to its 20th anniversary, which is July

16. Amazon says there will be more deals on July 15 than on Black Friday.

Amazon doesn't release the number of Prime members it has, but Michael Pachter, an analyst at Wedbush Securities, estimates there are 35 million

to 40 million.

"Black Friday is an event because it kicks off the holiday shopping season," he said. "I don't think an event in mid-July will have much impact, and view it as more of a test by Amazon." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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the big question

How often are bomb threats credible?

Pretty rarely. For example, of 1,055 U.S. school bomb incidents from 1990-2002, only 14 (1.3 per cent) saw threats beforehand. Risk management experts Frederick Calhoun and Stephen Weston identify two types of threat-makers, who rarely overlap. "Howlers," like those who called in a string of threats to airlines this week, inflict mostly inconvenience. A full-throated police response gives these miscreants exactly what they want: Attention. Dangerous, methodical "hunters," on the other hand, generally don't advertise their plans. That would include the Winnipeg mail bomber who badly injured one woman Friday and put residents on edge, leading to more (ultimately false) suspicious-package reports. Just one notorious group was known for courtesy calls before attacks — the IRA. But they would often call in a threat, set off an explosion, then detonate secondary bombs targeting first responders. METRO

Pedestrian crosswalks make 'zero sense' here

YOUR RIDE

Jay Smith



Thea Bowering had a near miss last week while crossing Whyte Avenue at 101 Street, when a driver turning left came extremely close to hitting her. "He was inches away from me, going full speed," she says.

Out of sheer dumb luck, she says, a police officer happened to be at the intersection and ticketed the driver.

"I was particularly pissed that it was the notorious (crosswalk), that it was the one where Dave Finkelman was killed."

Finkelman was a musician and radio host on CJSR who was killed in January of 2014. He was hit from behind in the same exact spot and in a scenario that was almost identical to Bowering's near miss.

The city has recently voiced

a commitment to increasing pedestrian safety — but notes that as it reviews pedestrian safety at 200 intersections, it only has the money to upgrade 10 crossings per year. Apparently, a crosswalk with the flashing amber lights costs \$100,000 and a full set of traffic lights costs \$150,000.

But is this really a question of money, or of will?

Bowering, who's the author of a collection of short stories that also has female characters walking through cities, says she's an "urban writer often seen walking in crosswalks." And as she attempts to make sense of why there have been so many near misses at this particular intersection, she keeps mentioning that the white lines of the crosswalk have faded so much they're nearly invisible to drivers.

"The city is talking about putting a bunch of money into bettering intersections ... but someone was killed (there) — how hard is it to repaint

the white lines?"

Both of the pedestrian crossings that lead from my neighbourhood toward the nearest grocery store, flower shop, liquor store and restaurants, have lighted intersections with pedestrian crossings activated by a button. Incredibly, both of these intersections — T-intersections if you can imagine — direct pedestrians into the crosswalk at exactly the same time that traffic gets a green light to turn left through the very same crosswalk.

It makes zero sense. Every single time I cross the street, I fear for my safety. I've had grannies in cars scream obscenities at me, and roofers give me the finger. Just for occupying a crosswalk, while the little walking person light indicates that I could be there.

Fixing this situation would be simple, if the will was there: just change the light programming so that cars turning left get a red instead

These intersections direct pedestrians into the crosswalk at the same time traffic gets a green light to turn through the very same crosswalk.

of a green when the pedestrians are in the intersection.

This isn't just an issue of money. This is an issue of caring about pedestrian injuries, fatalities, and near-misses — of listening to people walking the streets near their homes and workplaces, and then actually acting on what they say. Often only a minor tweak is needed to ensure that they can go on their way safely.

Jay Smith is a writer who has cycled, walked and run on Edmonton's streets and pathways her entire life.

metroview

It's about time for Calgary to hold a #SafeStampede



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Calgary Stampede may have been established on rodeo, rides and beef-on-a-bun, but corporate-sanctioned caesars before noon can lead to a debauched 10-day bender for wannabe cowboys (regardless of gender) looking to blow off steam.

Most are respectful and jovial. But some men, instead of embodying Western hospitality, transform into dude-bros who feel entitled to disrespect or harass women. Catcalls. Ass-grabbing. Name-calling if you look less than pleased by these charming advances.

For those who question whether this is really a problem, I conducted a (very unscientific) survey of 10 female friends in their 20s and 30s, all of whom attend Stampede annually, before writing this column. Half of these women — HALF! — have been grabbed at over the years while walking through crowded party tents. The most recent incident occurred Friday at Cowboys, the club with the slogan "The most fun you can have with your boots on." A guy grabbed under a friend's skirt. I'm told he got a lecture.

I've had my butt grabbed at the Stampede twice. One time, it happened so quickly I couldn't pick the offender from the jeering herd; the other time, I was told I "over-reacted" for telling the guy off.

So I tip my hat to the

Calgary Stampede for jumping on the anti-sexual-harassment wagon. It's about time.

The city's top brass, including the Stampede CEO and Mayor Naheed Nenshi, quickly endorsed the #SafeStampede campaign, which was created by a group of women to encourage respect and share information about consent and sexual harassment.

Thanks for the leadership, folks. It sends a message to people attending one of Canada's largest events that harassment isn't condoned and that donning a plaid shirt and cowboy boots isn't a licence to make women feel unsafe.

Don't get me wrong, I love the Stampede (including line dancing at Cowboys after a few spiked lemonades) more than most. I return every year for the festivities even though I haven't hung my hat in Calgary for more than a decade.

But until this campaign snapped me to attention, I viewed the harassment as an irritating but inevitable part of the Stampede.

I hope this campaign will add to the culture shift away from victim-blaming and objectification. Whether it's #YesAllWomen, which highlights stories about everyday harassment, or Ontario's ongoing #WhoWillYouHelp initiative, our society seems to be more aware of sexist violence and harassment.

We don't have to be resigned to bad behaviour. It may be the Wild West, but adopting that mentality shouldn't mean accepting harassment.

Rosemary Westwood will return Wednesday.

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Amy hot enough for big screen

TRAINWRECK

Inside Amy Schumer star on her first film and fame



Richard Crouse
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Amy Schumer is having a fantastic year. The standup comic, television star and headline magnet is about to add movie star to her resumé.

Inside Amy Schumer, her Peabody Award-winning TV show, makes news every single week, whether it's tackling topics like high school rape culture in a Friday Night Lights takeoff or assembling a jury, à la 12 Angry Men, to debate whether Schumer is quote, hot enough, unquote, to be on television.

She's everywhere and soon she'll be on the big screen in Trainwreck, directed by comedy maestro Judd Apatow from a script by Schumer. In the most unconventional rom-com since Bridesmaids she stars as a young, promiscuous New York woman who drinks too much and finds true love despite doing everything to avoid it.



Because you do this work you feel proud of, I feel you're punished by having to dress up like a show poodle

Amy Schumer on fame

"To be me right now is very weird," she says. "It's weird, I feel like I am famous all of a sudden. I've been kind of recognizable but now it is very different and it is very new. It's overwhelming. It is a little scary. I'm on the subway and it's not like one or two people—it's like the whole car wants a picture. It's overwhelming."

"I never thought about being famous. That was never part of my thing, but once it was on the horizon as a possibility, it seemed like a real bummer. I could see there's no upside. The upside is I sometimes get



Top, Amy Schumer with director Judd Apatow, left, and co-star Bill Hader on the set of Trainwreck, which she wrote. Bottom, Schumer in two scenes from Season 3 of Inside Amy Schumer, the finale of which airs tonight on Comedy Central. CONTRIBUTED

free appetizers and I can get a reservation at a restaurant. I only go to one place in New York, it's a tea place, the Tea Cup, and they don't take reservations but I can make a reservation there. I swear I don't see another upside. It sucks."

As that last quote displays,

Schumer's work is characterized by a lack of pretence.

"I like to get rid of artifice," she says. "I haven't gone to the bathroom in three days and I'm hungover and that's OK."

But these days she's more often than not very publicly on display.



"It's very hard for me to be in hair and makeup all the time and clothes I don't feel comfortable in. Because you do this work you feel proud of, I feel you're punished by having to dress up like a show poodle."

Trainwreck is set in New York but not because it is

the traditional home of the classic rom-coms, but because "I just don't know any other city," she says. "I am a creature of habit. I just like going to the Comedy Cellar and walking around the reservoir in Central Park."

She may be a creature of

habit in her personal life, but has shaken up the formula for her first movie, although she balks at the suggestion that she switched the gender roles in the film.



If a guy doesn't call me back, it is a blow to the ego, but I'm not like, 'But... why? I have a great job'

Amy Schumer on gender roles in Trainwreck

"It was a complete surprise to me," she says. "There wasn't a thought of, 'I'm playing the male role.' It makes sense to me. I know in most movies it's not this way, but in my real life and in the lives of the women I'm close to and in this age, I've found that, as somebody who is still out there dating, that the men often times are the more vulnerable of the two and just more sensitive. Mostly about it being over. If you go out with someone once and you're just not feeling it, if a guy doesn't call me back it is a blow to the ego, but I'm not like, 'But ... why? I have a great job.'"

"It's funny, I was watching The Bachelorette, I'm a fan. One of the guys was feeling rejected and he kind of turned on her. She didn't do anything to him but he was like, 'My ex-girlfriend was twice as hot as her.' I think the male ego is way more sensitive than the female ego. It was not a conscious decision to reverse the roles. That has really been my experience."

She says watching the final cut of the film and seeing the audience reaction at SXSW earlier this year "was the best night of my life so far."

"I'm already proud of the movie. The movie is already a success to me. My peers really like it and I got to give my friends work and they did great in it. Beyond that, I hope it changes the perspective of people who see it. I hope people are a little less likely to judge and women feel more empowered."

Listen to the podcast of Richard Crouse's interview with Amy Schumer at metronews.ca



Ballerina on Broadway

DIFFERENT STAGE

Misty Copeland to make debut in *On the Town* this summer

Ballerina Misty Copeland, who just became the first African-American woman to be a principal dancer at American Ballet Theatre, has another breakthrough planned — a debut on Broadway.

Producers of the high-energy revival of *On the Town* said Sunday that Copeland will join the show from Aug. 25 to Sept. 6, playing Miss Turnstiles, a love interest for one of three sailors

enjoying a few hours of shore leave in 1940s New York.

"I don't know if I know what I'm in for. It's going to be a huge challenge for me. It's quite a departure from what I'm used to. But I love a challenge and I think it's going to help me grow as an artist," Copeland said.

The role requires both acting and singing, in addition to plenty of dancing, including a 15-minute ballet at the end. The role is currently filled by Megan Fairchild, a principal dancer at the prestigious New York City Ballet.

"I can carry a tune. We'll see what happens," she said. "I'm excited. I'm a Virgo and we're a little bit anal and we're definitely hard workers, so I'm going to put my all into this."

Copeland saw the show a few months ago with her boyfriend, knowing the offer of replacing Fairchild was on the table. "It's probably the best show I've ever seen, I think," she said. "I was just blown away."

The ballerina will play six performances during the eight-show week, including the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening shows, as well as the matinees

on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Copeland has been named by Time magazine one of the most influential figures of 2015, and written both a children's book, *Firebird*, and a bestselling memoir, *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina*. She's also performed in a music video with Prince and was featured in a hugely popular online ad for Under Armour sportswear.

The dancer also has appeared as a guest host on the Fox show *So You Think You Can Dance* and was a presenter at this year's Tony Awards. Copeland, 32, said she relishes bringing dance to an audience in any form she can.

"Whether it's Broadway or ballet, that's always been my goal: to just bring more people into it," she said. "Because I think it's so special and I think the arts can do so much for a person, not just a child. It's completely changed and altered my life in so many amazing ways."

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"That's always been my goal: to just bring more people into (dance)."



Misty Copeland performs in *Swan Lake* in Australia in 2014.

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THE INDUSTRY

Why there's no new music today

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross



There is no new music on sale at your local record store today. There's nothing new on iTunes, either. In fact, there's no new music available pretty much anywhere in the world right now. But don't panic.

Releasing new music has always been chaotic. Once upon a time, albums came out ... whenever. Depending on the supply links to your record store and your geographic location, you might find an album on the shelves any day of the week. But this made compiling weekly sales charts difficult, so decades ago the industry decided to co-ordinate things.

If you're of — ahem — a certain age, you may remember lining up at a record store late on a Monday evening for the opportunity to buy a big album when the store

reopened its doors at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. This is because Tuesday was the designated day for new music releases in North America.

But in Britain and France, that album had already been out for 24 hours as their appointed day for new music was Monday. Japan made people wait until Wednesday. And music fans in Germany, Australia and a host of other countries either had to wait until Friday or they had already seen the record the previous week.

This wasn't a big deal when physical releases ruled. But



Worldwide, music will now be released at 12:01 a.m. local time on Fridays. ISTOCK

now that music files can whip around the planet in fractions of a second, a Monday re-

lease in the U.K. can have an impact on sales in other territories. This old regimented release schedule didn't make sense anymore.

That's why earlier this year, the 45 biggest music markets in the world — including Canada — agreed that as of Friday, July 10, new music will become available at 12:01 a.m. local time.

As this is the week when we make the transition, this is the first Tuesday in years with no new inventory for us to buy. While changing this new schedule isn't trivial (so many of the moving parts of

the music industry and radio are geared to new music on Tuesdays), it's hoped that this will have a positive effect on sales.

The thinking is that releasing new material on Friday will encourage more customer traffic on the days when consumers spend the most, thereby boosting music sales. Some retailers disagree; they're afraid this will depress sales throughout the week.

The question is, in an era when everyone gets their music in so many different ways, will the public even notice?

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Numbers paint rosy picture for event that ended Sunday

The numbers show the Women's World Cup was embraced at home and around the globe.

TV records were set on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

Twitter says tweets about the soccer tournament were viewed nine billion times, with the U.S. dominating the conversation.

Sunday's final between the U.S. and Japan led the Twitter buzz with other U.S. games as well as tight knockout-round contests between Japan and England and Germany and France also drawing significant traffic.

The top six tournament players on Twitter were all from the U.S. team: Julie Johnston, Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan, Megan Rapinoe, Hope Solo and Abby Wambach.

A Canadian Twitter breakdown was not immediately available.

Facebook says its data shows nearly nine million people had 20 million interactions about the Women's World Cup on Facebook.

The U.S. topped the Facebook table in terms of engagement by country, followed by



The United States beat Japan 5-2 in the final of the FIFA Women's World Cup on Sunday in Vancouver. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

Mexico, Britain, Canada and Brazil.

TSN says Sunday's final, won 5-2 by the U.S., averaged 2.1 million viewers according to preliminary figures — making it the most-watched Women's World Cup final for a Canadian audience. Some 7.7 million viewers tuned in at some point, with the average audience peaking at 2.8 million for the final minute of the game.

TSN says Canada's five tour-

+ SLAM DUNK

Fox says Sunday's U.S. audience exceeded every game of the NBA Finals.

nament matches averaged 2.3 million viewers. That rose to 3.2 million for the final quarter-final loss to England, which set a record for the country's most-watched Women's World Cup match ever. Like the final, it

was the most-watched program on Canadian TV that weekend.

The network calls it Canada's most-watched FIFA Women's World Cup ever. The audience was nearly four times that of the 2011 tournament in Germany.

Fox says the final was also the most-watched soccer match in U.S. history, according to Nielsen. The telecast averaged 25.4 million viewers and peaked at 30.9 million.

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CFL

Willy could play days after big hit

It seems the Winnipeg Blue Bombers won't be missing their offensive catalyst.

Head coach Mike O'Shea told reporters Monday he believes quarterback Drew Willy will play Friday when the Bombers host the Montreal Alouettes.

Willy was knocked from Winnipeg's 52-26 home loss to Hamilton on Thursday night after taking a helmet-to-helmet hit.

He was listed as day-to-day but the 28-year-old resumed practising Monday with the starting offence and said afterwards he's experiencing no lingering affects from the injury.

Three starting QBs — Montreal's Jonathan Crompton, Saskatchewan's Darian Durant and Edmonton's Mile Reilly — were all injured the opening week of the season

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It doesn't look good or anything but that's football ... I know what I signed up for.

Drew Willy on the hit to the helmet he took last week



Drew Willy

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NHL IN BRIEF

Oilers acquire goalie Nilsson in swap with 'Hawks

The Edmonton Oilers have acquired goaltender Anders Nilsson in a trade with the Chicago Blackhawks.

The 25-year-old Nilsson has a 9-9 record and a 3.05 goals-against average in 23 career NHL games with the New York Islanders. He played in the Kontinental

Hockey League last season. Nilsson was traded from New York to Chicago last

October in the deal that sent defenceman Nick Leddy to the Islanders.

The Blackhawks obtained forward Liam Coughlin in Monday's deal with the Oilers. Coughlin, 20, was a fifth-round pick in last year's draft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Vancouverite plays 6 hours Monday, moves on to quarters

After 10 sets of tennis and a pair of marathon rallies from two sets down, Vasek Pospisil is looking forward to a day off.

The Vancouver player was on the court for almost six hours Monday as he continued his impressive run at Wimbledon. Hours after coming back from two sets down to beat Viktor Troicki in the fourth round of the men's singles, Pospisil and doubles teammate Jack Sock staged another two-set comeback before ultimately falling to Australia's John Peers and Britain's Jamie Murray.

"It was a long day, for sure," Pospisil offered as an understatement to kick off his press conference after the doubles loss. "Pretty tired right now, but I have a day off tomorrow, so that's good."

He will need all the rest he can get, as his quarter-final opponent on Wednesday is No. 3 seed and 2013 Wimbledon champion Andy Murray. The Scotsman is bound to have a loud cheering section at the All England Club.

"Obviously I played a lot of tennis, but one day recovery is a lot," Pospisil said. "So I can sleep well tonight. Just have a full day of rest tomorrow. Do a lot of recovery ... then come out strong on Wednesday and take

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Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil



Vasek Pospisil returns a shot to Viktor Troicki during their fourth-round singles match on Monday in London. The Canadian will face 2013 Wimbledon champion Andy Murray in the quarter-final. JUSTIN TALLIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

it to him."

The unseeded Canadian advanced to the men's quarter-finals after a 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 win over Troicki, the No. 22 seed from Serbia. The match took two hours 39 minutes, and that wasn't even his longest of the day.

"It was tough. I didn't have the start I wanted to have, and then ... I got unlucky a little bit in the (second set) tiebreaker there,"

Pospisil said. "I made a couple of good adjustments on my return games. And even being down two sets, it didn't faze me. I feel I'm pretty tough that way. Even if I'm down, I'm always finding ways to come back."

Murray has beaten Pospisil in hard-surface tournaments at Rotterdam and Indian Wells this season, but said he is expecting a tougher challenge from Pospisil on grass. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Ace Sale finds ways besides Ks to stop Jays

MONDAY In Chicago

4 **2**
WHITESOX BLUE JAYS

Chris Sale's bid for a record strikeout streak ended, but he pitched a six-hitter that led the Chicago White Sox past the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 Monday night in the fastest major league game in almost four years.

Sale (7-4) had struck out at least 10 batters in eight straight starts, matching the major league mark set by Pedro Martinez in 1999.

The White Sox ace fanned six in a complete game, outpitching former mentor Mark Buehrle (9-5), who also went the distance.

There were no walks in a game that took only 1 hour, 54 minutes. It was the speediest big league game since Tampa Bay and Kansas City took 1:53 on Aug. 9, 2011, STATS said.

All of Chicago's runs were unearned. An error by short-stop Jose Reyes leading off the eighth helped the White Sox score three times and overcome a 2-1 deficit.

Josh Donaldson and Chris Colabello hit solo home runs for Toronto.

Sale began the game pitching more like Buehrle, getting five outs on groundballs in the first two innings. In fact, Sale allowed a homer — a solo shot to Colabello leading off the third inning — before recording his first strikeout when he got Devon Travis looking for the second out in the third.

The Blue Jays, the top-scoring team in the majors, were aggressive at the plate and didn't work many deep counts, opting to put the ball in play before getting two strikes.

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+ ALL-STAR NEWS

Canadian Russell Martin and Jose Bautista of the Blue Jays have been selected as reserves for the all-star game. They'll join teammate Josh Donaldson on July 14 in Cincinnati.

+ ADDITIONAL RESULTS

Serena bests sister Venus
Serena Williams extended her mastery over big sister Venus, and kept alive her bid for Grand Slam history.

In the 26th career meeting between the siblings, Serena dominated with her steady serve and big hitting

from the back of the court to win 6-4, 6-3, extending her Grand Slam winning streak to 25 matches.

Also advancing to the quarter-finals was Roger Federer, who beat 20th-seeded Roberta Bautista Agut 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER

Pirlo makes move to MLS with NYCFC

Italian playmaker Andrea Pirlo joined Major League Soccer club New York City FC from Juventus on Monday, little more than a month after winning a fifth consecutive Serie A title.

Pirlo spent four years at Juventus after joining from Serie A rival AC Milan, and helped it to the Champions League final this year. Juventus lost to Barcelona, missing out on a treble after winning the Italian Cup and the league title.

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Andrea Pirlo

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IN BRIEF

Matthias signs with Leafs

The Toronto Maple Leafs signed centre Shawn Matthias to a one-year contract Monday.

The 27-year-old native of Mississauga, Ont., had 18 goals and nine assists in 78 games last season with the Vancouver Canucks.

Matthias was drafted by the Detroit Red Wings in the second round of the 2006 NHL Entry Draft.

He has 131 points (69-62) over 408 career regular-season games.

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NBA

Raptors reportedly lure Joseph home

Canadian guard Cory Joseph has agreed to a contract with the Toronto Raptors.

The Pickering, Ont., native agreed to a four-year contract worth \$30 million US, according to multiple media reports.

Deals can't become official until Thursday, when the NBA's free-agency moratorium ends.

The 23-year-old, who was taken 29th overall in the 2011 NBA draft, spent his first four NBA seasons with the San Antonio Spurs, helping them win

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A tweet by Cory Joseph, @Cory_Joe

the league title in 2014.

Joseph played in 79 games this past season with the Spurs, averaging 6.8 points, 2.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists.

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RECIPE Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes and Asiago Cheese



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The juiciness of the roasted tomatoes adds flavour without using excess oil. This recipe serves six.

Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup red cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 3/4 cup yellow cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 8 oz whole wheat penne
- 3/4 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup dried basil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray a 9" baking dish with vegetable spray.
2. Add tomatoes, olive oil, garlic and salt and pepper. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake for 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook pasta in boiling water until still firm to the bite. Drain, place in serving bowl, and add tomato mixture with cheese and basil.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 250
- Carbohydrates 27g
- Fibre 5g
- Protein 13g
- Fat 9g
- Saturated Fat 3.5g
- Cholesterol 15mg
- Sodium 290mg

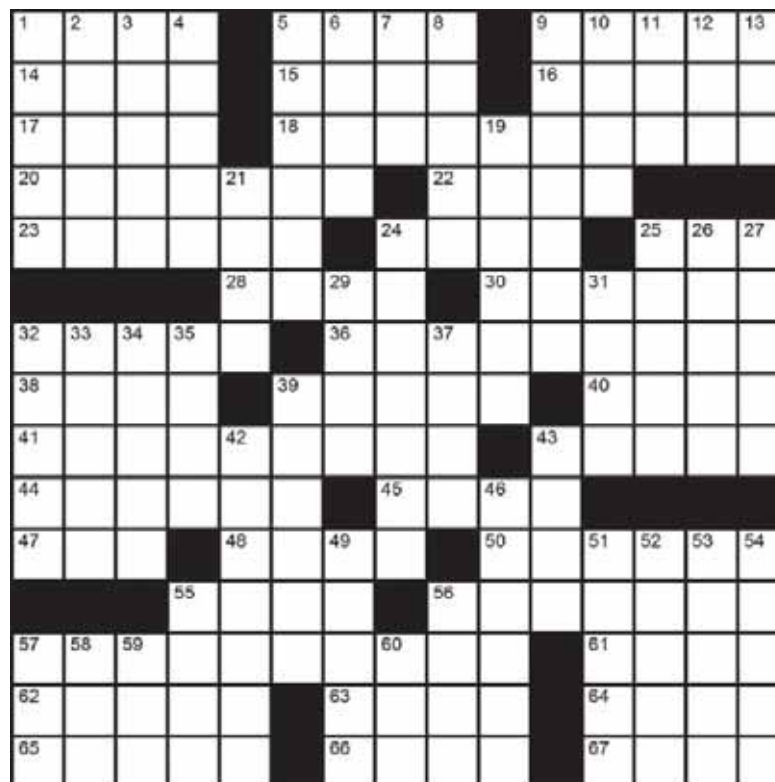
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. "Rio _" (1970) starring John Wayne
5. Scooby- and Ski- 9. Old Testament hymn
14. Thunderstruck
15. Carve in a name
16. Shakespearean tragedy, _ and Juliet
17. Look _ (Investigate)
18. School's formal meeting place
20. Investment goals
22. Cleave
23. Rehearsal: 2 wds.
24. First Nation of Manitoba
25. Palindromic honorific
28. Art for Jean Arp
30. Pilotless aircrafts
32. Receded, as tidewater
36. The famous 'waterspout' spider's size: 2 wds.
38. Carnivore's craving
39. Rocker David
40. Low-cal
41. Sailing: Twin-hulled boat
43. Valuable virtue
44. Father of Geometry of ancient Greece
45. Exited
47. Shakespearean suffix
48. Head's holder
50. Canuck coin
55. Wistful utterance
56. Young tree



57. Douglas Fir west of Pemberton, British Columbia, which at 1,000 years old, is amongst the oldest living trees in Canada: 2 wds.
61. The Kinks hit
62. Clunker
63. Scientist's solution holder

64. On the Serta, say
65. Castle bridges cross them
66. Uptight
67. Hobby shop items

DOWN

1. "Mission: Impossible"

- theme music composer Mr. Schifrin
2. '70s Spanish hit: " _ Tu"
3. "Thank You" songstress
4. Pretzels brand
5. Village in the Lower North Shore region of Quebec

6. Gradually diminish
7. Block' suffix
8. Rapper, _ Kim
9. Yalie
10. Pres. Obama's former title
11. Inuit craft
12. Accustom
13. Kitchen gadget

18. _-sized (Small)
22. "What _ _ to do?"
23. Gardening tool
24. _ leg (Pants part)
25. _-announce (Movie trailer, in French)
26. Stair part
27. Univ. web address word, sometimes
28. Scholarly deg.
29. Luxe-living magazine, _ Report
30. "Not _ _ many words."
33. "Boy _ World" ('90s TV series)
34. Paddled
35. Restaurant chain, with Bell
36. All square
40. 'Lion' suffix
42. Opera singer
- Ms. Grist
43. Summer hrs. in Ottawa
44. Newfoundland: L'Anse aux Meadows historic people
45. U.S. tax bureau
48. Talent
49. Hankers
50. Had
51. Fidgety
52. "Yees!" opposite
55. Plant's beginning
56. Chooses
57. Dog training command
59. Assoc.
60. Buddy
61. Jeff Lynne's gr.
62. American ailer since '71
63. French vineyard

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Loved ones may not have been supportive of late but don't worry about it — it does not mean they are turning against you. They have had so many worries of their own to contend with, that's all.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Life may be fun at the moment but you still need to tighten your belt and not waste money on things you don't really need. You may be expecting to come into some cash but don't spend it before it's arrived.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Try not to take anything too seriously today. With so many changes taking place in your world you need to make a conscious effort to stay calm and be flexible in your approach to life's little problems.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Mars in your sign gives you loads of energy, so if there is anything that needs doing get on it. When dealing with difficult people remember that some respond best to reason and some respond best to pressure.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't push yourself too hard today, even if you are behind in your workload. You will catch up with ease later in the month, so there is no need to worry.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your emotions are so powerful at the moment that every little thing seems like life and death, but a few days from now you will get a new and more positive perspective on life, so give yourself time and stop being such a diva.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a busy week for those born under the sign of the Scales, so pace yourself and be selective in your goals. If you throw yourself at every new challenge that comes your way your energy will soon disappear.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will soon get the chance to move up in the world but first you need to convince yourself that you are worthy of success. Believe in yourself and the world will too.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to get your feelings off your chest and let certain people know that you don't care in the slightest what they say or do or think about you. That might sound a bit extreme but it's the only approach they understand.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may have to endure one or two setbacks today but don't let them unsettle you. Above all, don't lose your temper with people whose support you are going to need.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
One-to-one relationships, both at home and at work, are going very well for you now and if you are smart you will make the most of it. In all situations you will know just what to say or do.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may need to shut yourself away from all possible distractions for a few hours today, especially if you want to finish a task that has been dragging. With Mars in your favour you can and you must get it done.

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